

## Contractors' Salary Lures Raises Eyebrows

# Job Raids for Defense Work Will Be Probed

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Congress will take a critical look early next year at some big defense contractors who are using fat salary offers to lure top military officers and civilian scientists from their Government jobs.

The crash program for space-age weapons has stepped up these "raids" by private industry on the Government's military and scientific experts, particularly those experienced in atomic, jet, missile and rocket fields.

Since most defense contracts are on a cost-plus-fixed-fee basis, the Government in the long run pays all or most of these higher salaries. Thus it is actually competing with itself for the scarce experts needed to design and produce these complex modern weapons.

### ALARMED

Members of the Armed Services, Appropriations and Civil Service Committees of both the House and Senate view these raiding tactics with increasing alarm. They fear this growing practice is:

- Running up defense costs, especially since a mounting share of the cost of weapons goes for research, design and engineering.

- Forcing the armed services to turn over to private industry both control and responsibility over new "weapons systems." Government already lacks experts to plan or even supervise these programs. So industry is being given a costly "blank check" to run them.

- Casting an aura of "influence peddling" over the defense program. Many high-ranking Army, Navy and Air Force officers are being hired by private firms in an apparent attempt to get an "inside track" to new defense contracts.

No one in Congress knows exactly how many military officers or civilian employees or civilian employees have been lured from their government



### GEN. DOOLITTLE

#### DEVELOPMENTS

But these developments hint at the growing seriousness of the problem.

- A House Armed Services subcommittee found that a dozen big defense contractors in the aircraft industry had more than 500 former Army, Navy and Air Force officers on their payrolls. Several employed more than 50 retired military officers. Many retired or resigned before reaching the peak of their military careers to take these higher-paying jobs.

- One congressional staff expert estimated that 2000 military officers resign or retire each year to take jobs with defense contractors. This big pay boost recently voted by Congress for military brass apparently has not slowed down the process.

- The National Advisory Committee for Aeronautics (now the National Aeronautics and Space Administration) recently reported it lost 81 scientists to defense contractors in three years. Lockheed Aircraft took 10 of these

Government officers and General Electric nine more. Others went to such missile contractors as Boeing, Convair, Curtiss-Wright, Thiokol, Aero Products, Ramo-Wooldridge, Aerjet and Glenn L. Martin.

### EXPERT

The Library of Congress

at the request of Rep. Louis Green (D., Ore.) is now preparing an exhaustive report on former government employees working for defense contractors. Many, of course, fill key industrial posts and are paid salaries comparable to those given to civilians holding similar jobs.

Meanwhile, several congressional committees have drawn up partial lists of top military officers who have taken such jobs.

The latest to cause some raised eyebrows at the Capitol is Lieut. Gen. James H. Doolittle, who next week will take over as chairman of the space technology laboratories. This private firm, recently divorced from Ramo-Wooldridge, is the Air Force's top missile adviser. And Gen. Doolittle had served as chairman of the Advisory Committee for Aeronautics.

Here is a sampling of big defense contractors and some of the retired military officers they employ as officers or consultants:

General Dynamics and General Electric: Gen. Joseph T. McNamara, Vice Admiral Emory A. Land, Rear Admiral Charles F. Horne, Rear Admiral An-

thony J. Sweeney, Rear Admiral Lawrence J. McQuinn.

Fairchild Engine and Airplane Corp.: Gen. Jacob L. Devers, Admiral Robert S. Carney, Maj. Gen. Robert L. Walsh, Brig. Gen. W. W. Welch, Brig. Gen. Joseph P. Barry.

International Telephone and Telegraph: Col. Maj. Gen. Edmund H. Leary, Vice Admiral John E. Glenbrook, Maj. Gen. C. Rodney Smith, Rear Admiral Jesse C. Powell.

Rockwell International: Lieut. Gen. Malcolm H. Gortner, Maj. Gen. Gordon P. Sayle.

American Machine and Foundry: Gen. Walter Budd Smith, Lieut. Gen. Eugene C. Craine.

General Electric: Admiral William M. Fletcher.

Rock Corp. of America: Vice Admiral E. Dwyer Foster, Rear Admiral Thomas P. Wynne.

Lockheed Aircraft Corp.: Rear Admiral Elton Garrison.

Boeing: Gen. Omar H. Bradley.

Rockwell: Gen. Douglas MacArthur, Lieut. Gen. Leslie Groves.

Rockwell Aircraft: Lieut. Gen. Doyle O. Hickory.

Thompson Products: Gen. Benjamin H. Graham.

American Cyanamid: Maj. Gen. Anthony MacArthur.

Rockwell: Lieut. Gen. Samuel B. Rockwell.

Rockwell Division: Maj. Gen. Allen W. Crawford.